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SYNOPSIS

At Williamsburg, Virginia: In fulfillment of the requirements of SUBJECT, Project RESISTANCE, this report identifies radical students at the College of William and Mary and summarizes dissident activities at that institution during the months of April and May 1970. Five attachments relating to these activities are included with this report.

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This report, submitted in accordance with the requirements of Project RESISTANCE, concerns primarily the identification of student radicals at the College of William and Mary and a summary of recent dissident activities at that institution.

GENERAL

At Williamsburg, Virginia

On 14 May 1970 interviews were held with

the following names and information concerning student radicals at the school [redacted] the hard core of all dissident activities:

[redacted] Student Strike Committee, May 1970, Williamsburg Draft Counseling Service, Vietnam Moratorium activities, present at all demonstrations.

[redacted] Student Strike Committee, Vietnam Moratorium activities, present at all demonstrations.

[redacted] Student Strike Committee, Vietnam Moratorium activities, believed to have had knowledge of dynamite threats made to college in April 1970.

[redacted] Student Strike Committee, Vietnam Moratorium activities, present at all demonstrations.

[redacted] identified as past user of narcotics, Student Action Movement (SAM), Vietnam Moratorium activities, present at most demonstrations.

[redacted] during demonstrations of 19 March 1970.

[redacted] narcotics suspect, active in Student Strike Committee, Vietnam Moratorium, many demonstrations.

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Student Strike Committee,
Vietnam Moratorium activities, all campus
demonstrations ROTC critic.

an
organizer for the Committee on the Movement
for a New Congress, and the Committee on
Peace Action Coordination, Vietnam Morator-
ium activities

(DOB not available), graduate
Student Strike Committee,
many campus demonstrations.

Student Strike Com-
mittee, Vietnam Moratorium activities, all
campus demonstrations.

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Student Strike Committee, Williams-
burg Draft Counseling Service,
Vietnam Moratorium activities,
all campus demonstrations, outspoken radical,
ROTC critic (See attachment number 1)

sells drugs, former member of Student Action
Movement (SAM) who resigned from that organ-
ization because it was not committed to total
violence.

suspected narcotics user, Student Strike Com-
mittee, Williamsburg Draft Counseling Service,
Vietnam Moratorium activities, all campus
demonstrations.

is
an orientalist, a very radical agitator, Student
Strike Committee, all campus demonstrations.

Student Strike Committee, Vietnam Morator-
ium activities, espouses the theme that stu-
dents alone should administer the college.

"a revolutionary leader", made verbal bomb threats to president and board of visitors, leader in Student Strike Committee, all demonstrations.

an organizer for the Committee on the Movement for a New Congress, and the Committee on Peace Action Coordination, Vietnam Moratorium activities, organized student lobbying trip to Washington, D.C. on 15 May 1970.

Vietnam Moratorium activities, all campus demonstrations and disruption of ROTC activities.

(DOB not available), graduate student, very active in promotion of Student Strike Committee activities along with his wife.

Radical behind the scene, the school newspaper, The Flat Hat, and who has been active in the Student Strike Committee.

Student Action Movement (SAM), signed letter requesting president's resignation 30 December 1969, reported seeking conscientious objector information from local draft board 15 April 1970.

"this boy is dangerous - handle carefully",

Vietnam Moratorium activities, all campus demonstrations, newly elected president of student association.

suspected narcotics user, Student Strike Committee, Vietnam Moratorium activities.

[redacted] aggressive agitator, proponent of violence, Student Strike Committee leader, Vietnam Moratorium activities leader, upcoming [redacted]

[redacted] "a wild-eyed radical", arrested by Williamsburg Police during demonstrations, [redacted] The Flat Hat, lowered the American flag from in front of administration building during Kent State demonstrations.

[redacted] leader of Student Action Movement (SAM), Coordinator of Vietnam Moratorium activities, Student Strike Committee, all campus demonstrations.

[redacted] member of Student Action Movement (SAM), Vietnam Moratorium activities, Student Strike Committee, campus demonstrations and disruptions.

[redacted] coordinator of William and Mary Student Strike Committee, Vietnam Moratorium activities, [redacted]

[redacted] "an outspoken radical".

[redacted] Student Strike Committee, campus demonstrations, ROTC office.

[redacted] picketed President's office, many campus demonstrations, Vietnam Moratorium activities.

[redacted] "a spy for The Flat-Hat who surfaced during Kent State demonstrations", Student Strike Committee.

[redacted] member, Student Strike Committee, Vietnam Moratorium activities.

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[redacted], an
Student Strike Committee,
Student Action Movement (SAM), Vietnam Mora-
torium activities, all campus demonstrations.

Additionally the Informants submitted the name of [redacted]
[redacted] with further identifying information lacking at this time. In-
formants advised that [redacted] anti-Vietnam war policies
[redacted] and has called "the U.S. a criminal nation".
According to the Informants this individual advocates that stu-
dents have the right to determine their own social regulations,
and that this attitude along with his stand on Vietnam has en-
deared him to the dissident students. Informant [redacted] advised
that he had observed much anti-war literature in [redacted] and
that he knows many meetings have been held there by radical fac-
ulty and student groups. This Informant also advised that [redacted]
is closely associated with [redacted] previously iden-
tified above.

On 22 May and 19 June 1970 [redacted] was again inter-
viewed at which times he summarized events at the College of
William and Mary during the past several months. (The Informant
said at the outset that [redacted]
[redacted] and that most dissident activity
was directed at President Davis Y. PASCHALL (see Project RESIS-
TANCE report dated 1 April 1970). The Informant said that these
activities centered around visitation regulations and that the
following incidents occurred on campus during April 1970:

1. A state owned vehicle was set afire.
2. A fire was set under the window of the office of the president.
3. One fire was set in the administration building, and several fires were set near dormitories.
4. Telephonic bomb and fire threats were received by the college switchboard almost daily.
5. Verbal threats of use of bombings and molotov cocktails were received by the president at meetings with dissident groups.
6. The president's office was picketed on a number of occasions,
7. Two sit-ins occurred in the administration building.

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8. Dick Gregory spoke at the college on 27 April 1970 sponsored by the Junior Class with proceeds to the Martin Luther Scholarship Fund.

The Informant reported that the college newspaper and radical students devoted their energies toward gaining offices in the Student Government Association until the events of 6 May 1970 gained their attention. The Informant said that in spite of efforts of conservative elements the radicals succeeded in gaining the presidency of the Student Government Association and continued control of the college newspaper. The Informant summarized the following events on campus from 6 May 1970 to 19 June 1970:

1. A Student Strike Committee was organized which immediately submitted demands to the college (see attachment number 2). Student absenteeism from classes was estimated to be between forty and sixty percent of the enrollment, and rumors and threats of violence were widespread if the college did not agree to the demands of the Student Strike Committee.
2. The American flag normally flown at the administration building was lowered a number of times and dissidents attempted to raise the strike flag. The above actions created incidents between student radicals, campus police, and ROTC personnel. College officials decided not to fly the flag in order to avoid further incidents and ROTC flag raising and lowering ceremonies were discontinued. This order was still in effect on 19 June 1970.
3. The Faculty of Arts and Sciences met in emergency session and acceded to strike demands by passing a resolution granting deferred examinations to students until September 1970. Any student wishing to take advantage of examination deferrals were required to submit a written request to the office of Dean EARNES. Other schools of endeavor at the college refused to meet the strike demands, and in general the resolution of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences was considered unfair and discriminatory against students attempting to pursue normal studies.
4. A student, [REDACTED] announced the formation of a local chapter of the United National Draft Opposition (UNDO) with its headquarters on campus in the Williamsburg area Tutorial Service offices.
5. The college administration was advised of the

organization on campus of the Committee on the Movement for a New Congress, the Committee on Draft Counseling Service, and the Committee on Peace Action Coordination (see attachment number 3).

[REDACTED] said that many complaints had been received by college administrators from students not active in the strike movement. The complainants advised that the strike activities were widespread, very disruptive, and prohibited them from properly preparing themselves for their examinations. These students specified that because they did not participate in the disruptions and undertook all of their examinations they were being discriminated against because the troublemakers harrassed and were themselves excused from examinations. The Informant said that the college is sensing the possibility of lawsuits from parents of students who became academically ineligible during this period. As an example of this possibility the Informant provided letters from one such student and his father (see attachments numbers 4 and 5) which are incorporated in this report because of their revealing nature. [REDACTED] forecast that the College of William and Mary will undergo severe ferment and disorder in the coming school year regardless of the national scene because the radical elements control most student functions.

- Attachments:
- (1) Leaflet prepared by Williamsburg Draft Counseling Service
 - (2) Written demands of Student Strike Committee
 - (3) Letter advising of the creation of new dissident organizations on campus
 - (4) [REDACTED]
 - (5) [REDACTED]

Citizens! A situation of grave danger now confronts the Local Draft Boards in our

area. Their very existence has been called into question, and hence the continuation of our war against aggression in Southeast Asia. We call upon all of you--Left, Center, and Right--to help put an end to this danger, to restore Law and Order before the Spark becomes a conflagration which engulfs the entire country.

THE SITUATION IS THIS: For the last few weeks, unscrupulous anarchists in the Seattle Area have bombarded their local draft boards with all sorts of CRANK MAIL. For example, MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS have been taken out in the names (and office addresses) of the CLERKS--who, as everyone knows, actually run the boards. These Romantic Revolutionaries have taken to haunting magazine racks and stealthily pulling out the POSTAGE PAID, BILL ME LATER COUPONS from the innards of the magazines. They then check a costly subscription (usually for three years) and send it to the local clerk, BILLING HER IN HER OWN NAME. This has naturally resulted in the loss of many manpower hours as the harassed clerks have had to send back the magazines and a note, or else contend with the credit departments' harassment. (There are some reports that the clerks are actually reading the magazines as they come in, leading to further waste.) And this is not to mention the merchandise and junk that has to be sent back to book clubs, record clubs, and stamp approval companies. And now that the NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN BECOME READILY AVAILABLE, we can expect them too to come under attack. Some have even stated that THEY WILL QUIT if they should start to receive such harassment. THIS IS NO OBVIOUSLY A SERIOUS SITUATION.

BUT FAR, far worse than this is the PHONY LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN!

The unscrupulous terrorists have gone so far as to write counterfeit letters to the local draft boards. They have purposely varied the stationary used as well as the style, pens; penmanship and even typewriters.

Some letters bear fictitious names; others, however, bear the ACTUAL NAMES AND ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ADDRESSES OF RESIDENTS. These are either found in the phone book or in HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS and local COLLEGE DIRECTORIES! And even Selective Service numbers are fabricated, resembling those used by local boards! (This is easily done since the number is little more than a simple indication of birthdate and board number--45 6 44 123). But, although the board requests that all correspondence come with ~~with~~ the writer's number, in actuality many forget to enclose it. This makes it impossible for the board to automatically reject those letters which don't have numbers on them. And those which carry phony ~~xxxx~~ numbers have to be processed up to the point that the clerk actually pulls out the file and must realize the ~~xxxx~~ ruse. What is more, certain letters obviously do not require an SS number; for example, those of the brave young men who are writing in to report that they are now old enough to serve their country.

THE SUBJECT MATTER of the letters usually duplicates the authentic letters received every day by the draft boards. Thus, some of them are, as already indicated, from young men requesting registration. Others request a CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION. This can be done for numerous reasons; some, noting the stern warning on the back of their draft cards, write to merely inform the boards of a change in health, job, wife, etc. The terrorists' instruction leaflet lists examples, such as informing the boards when one gets a cut, has a cold, or sprained an ankle. This leaflet also suggests men send a change of address letter from everywhere they stop while on vacation. Yet others request CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR forms. Others are from irate wives and parents--and so on. The variation in letters is far too great to enumerate. Nothing that might possibly interfere with the proper function of our local, neighborhood draft boards escapes the notice of these sick brains. They have found out that as government employees, the clerks cannot accept gifts from the

...the clerks of each board live (bund boxes of candy with the giver's name and address attached. The gift must then be mailed back to the giver by the draft board (at great expense to our beloved government). When the candy comes back, another one of these would-be-destroyers gives the box to a clerk. And since the mail (and to a lesser degree, the phone) is the main artery of the boards, and since the boards are the main source of manpower for the Army, we can easily see the REAL LAUGHER PLOTTED BY DETERMINED ACTIVISTS.

Just last week they ~~xxxx~~ escalated their action against the Seattle boards. On three separate days groups of ten to twenty people went into the Selective Service office and did numerous things which tied up several clerks for hours. First of all, just that many weird looking people ~~MILLEN~~ ~~arrows~~ in the office upset the clerks. Then all the males who were registered with the Seattle boards made written requests to see their files and separate written requests for each of their friends to see it (which they have a legal right to do). While each young man was looking at his file he requested the clerk to place in his file a stack of ~~xxxx~~ subversive leaflets, pamphlets, and newspapers he had brought along (which the clerk must do by law). This tied up the clerks with a monstrous load of paper work since each of these registrants requested new draft cards, saying that his old one had been lost, stolen, or destroyed, making more work for the clerks and keeping them from the more important work of sending notices to serve your country to patriotic young men.

If a small group of people, of any age or sex, meeting periodically in the safety of their own homes, can almost CLOSE DOWN THEIR LOCAL DRAFT BOARD, imagine what would happen if certain destruction-minded GROUPS took up this idea! IT IS ENTIRELY CONCEIVABLE THAT THEY COULD SHUT DOWN ~~THIRTYTHREE~~ ~~THIRTYTHREE~~ MANY OF THE DRAFT BOARDS ACROSS THE LAND--and not just for a few hours, but for GOOD.

THEREFORE, we appeal to all right-thinking individuals to become aware of just how perilously ~~XXI~~ VULNERABLE our understaffed and bureaucratic draft boards really are. Even today, a simple request, by an honest citizen, may take months to process. A PHONY REQUEST MAY TAKE YEARS!

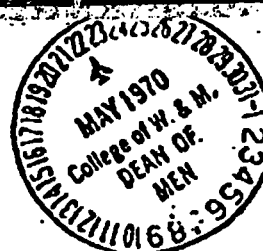
And now that our generals and leaders need hundreds of thousands of young men to defend FREEDOM abroad, we feel it is the sacred duty of every one of us to give the local draft boards ~~everything~~ everything they need and deserve right here at home.

WILLIAMSBURG DRAFT COUNSELING SERVICE
Box 406, Williamsburg, Virginia
229-7366

PROPOSALS FOR PEACE ACTION STRIKE

1. We demand for the exclusion of outside police forces and any armed police on this campus.
2. We demand the complete termination of ROTC as a symbol of the increasingly militaristic posture of the United States.
3. We demand that President Paschall join other university presidents in opposing U.S. intervention in Indochina.
4. We demand that the College publicly commit itself to a college-wide goal of 20% black enrollment.
5. We ask that we be granted Academic Safeguards, in order that those students who wish to work on the nationwide peace movement may do so without fear of academic reprisal.
 - A. Either, that final exams be waived or postponed until Sept. 30,
 - B. Or, that the faculty institute a pass-fail system for the students' final grade,
 - C. Or, that the faculty institute a system whereby the student may elect to take as his final grade the grade he held as of May 6.

College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia



May 21, 1970

Mr. J.W. Lambert
Vice-President of Student Affairs
College of William and Mary

Dear Mr. Lambert:

As President of the Student Association, I have authorized the creation of three executive committees of the Student Association. These will provide research and implementation of Student Association projects for the fall. The committees are:

1. Committee on the Movement for a New Congress
2. Committee on Draft Counseling Service
3. Committee on Peace Action Coordination

I am taking such action in accord with the Constitution of the Student Association, Article III of the By-laws:

"2. Special committees may be authorized by the President to execute Association activities."

My authorization will permit the committees to operate in the Student Association office during the summer when the Campus Center is open. I think that the newly appointed committees would make possible the participation of William and Mary students in these fields if the activities prove to be in the best interests of the students.

Sincerely,

Winn Legerton
Winn Legerton, President
Student Association

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cc: President Maschell
Vice-President Lawrence
Vice-President Jones
Colonel Green
Dean Barnes
Dean Elliott
Dean McGurk